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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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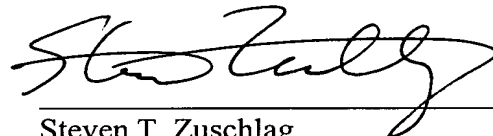
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Each of the above-listed foreign references have been cited in the International Search Report issued in a corresponding PCT application. Accordingly, a copy of the English translation of the International Search Report showing the degree of relevancy of each reference is enclosed. Also note that German Patent No. DE 201 19 352 U is also discussed in the specification of the present application in paragraph [0002].

In view of the present submission, it is believed that the present application is in all respects complete and in condition for examination and favorable consideration which is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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